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SUBJECT: GOB EXILES REQUEST ASYLUM IN CHILE

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1. NINE PERSONS DEPORTED FROM BOLIVIA WHO ARRIVED IN CHILE ON FEBRUARY 22 HAVE FORMALLY REQUESTED POLITICALASYLUM ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR.

2. THE NINE HAD SPENT SEVERAL DAYS AT MODEST DOWNTOWN SANTIAGO HOTEL UNDER STRICT CONTROL OF GOC SECURITY FORCES BEFORE BEING DISPERSED TO THREE TOWNS IN THE FAR SOUTH -- COYHAIQUE, PUERTO NATALES AND PUNTA ARENAS. UNDER CHILEAN LAW THEY HAD UNTIL MARCH 1 TO LEAVE CHILEAN TERRITORY OR PETITION TO REMAIN AS POLITICAL ASYLEES.

3. IN ADDITION TO FORMER ARMY OFFICERS LOPEZ AND PATINO (REFTEL) MINISTRY OF INTERIOR HAS IDENTIFIED OTHERS AS: RENE GOMEZ GARCIA-HOLGUIN, ECONOMIST; MARIO ADOLFO RONCALL ARTENSANA, LAWYER AND UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR; JUAN GARCIA MARANAO, LAW STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR; NICANOR CUCHALLO ORELLANA, PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER; MARIO BARRAZA TORRES, DIESEL MECHANIC IN GOVERNMENT CORPORATION; MIRNA DEL RIO ARGANDONA, TEACHER AT SIMON BOLIVAR SCHOOL; AND REINALDO CORTILLO PIZZA, PHILOSOPHY
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TEACHER AT ESCUELA SUPERIOR IN LA PAZ.

4. WITH EXCEPTION OF HEADLINES ON DAY AFTER DEPORTEES' ARRIVAL IN SANTIAGO, MEDIA HAVE REPORTED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN LOW-KEY, FACTURAL MANNER AND PUBLIC APPEARS LITTLE INTERESTED IN WHOLE AFFAIR.

5. COMMENT: GOC KEPT EXILES IN LIMBO AND, EFFECTIVELY, INCOMMUNICADO, THEREBY DEMONSTRATING ITS DESIRE NOT TO LET INCIDENT ADVERSELY AFFECT BOLIVIAN/CHILEAN RELATIONS.
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